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Employee Recognition Awards



Governor Marc Racicot poses with members of the Treasure State Team awarded for their excellence in performance.

Big John Hanley, Mary Doll and a team from Treasure State received the Governor's Award for Excellence in Performance on Employee Recognition Day, September 22.

Governor Racicot and Lt. Governor Martz presented each winner with a special coffee mug, plaque and certificate commemorating the state workers' outstanding service.

Big John Hanley is a maintenance worker at Pine Hills. Mary Doll is the administrative support for the Region VI office of Probation and Parole in Glendive.

Recognized for their team effort were Dan Burden, Jim Cameron,

Wayne Cameron, Darrell Vanderhoff, Bonnie Donaldson, Fred Verlanic, Brian Kerutis, Rick Krantz, Susan Porrovecchio and Dan Maloughney of the Treasure State Correctional Training Center.

A number of Corrections employees nominated their fellow workers. Those nominated for the

governor's award were: George Clough, probation and parole officer in Libby; Raelene Tuszynski, administrative support for Region II office of Probation and Parole in Helena; Rich Petaja, grants coordinator, Administrative Services Division; Julie Reardon, managed care nurse,

Professional Services Division; Norma Jean Boles, health services manager, Professional Services Division; Dr. Robert Jones, medical director, Professional

Services Division; and Carl Nelson, maintenance service manager, Montana State Prison.



John Hanley of Pine Hills received the Governor's Award for Excellence in performance.

Message from the Director

Coping with Staffing Issues

As a wet snow swirled through the Helena valley, we sat in Governor Racicot's temporary offices and spoke of emergencies. Not the kind of emergencies for which one calls for the police, but the kind one hopes to prevent.

The simplified version of our presentation to the Governor goes like this. In probation and parole, we need 28 new FTEs. This many new officers and support staff members would provide greater opportunity for P&P officers statewide to spend more time with offenders and victims. It would do so by lowering the caseload to an average of 70 for each traditional P&P officer. It would also put four sex offender specialists on the streets (with average caseloads of 40).

This would mean a significant advancement for public safety and victims issues on the streets. I believe we are doing a good job now, but our analysis of the coming days shows that we could help avoid more crime if we had more officers in the field.

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Staffing continued

Likewise, at Montana State Prison, we need 58 new uniformed officers according to an independent study conducted by the National Institute of Corrections. We asked the governor for 31.

Seventeen of these new security officers would guard 5.5 posts within the prison, including uniformed officers in the Infirmary and Industries area for the first time, at least in several years. Another 14 would provide shift relief for posts that currently are manned by officers working overtime. We consider this lack of manpower to be an emergent issue. It seems clear that when we have a critical shortage of positions that we should do all we can to provide at least an interim solution.

How a post works

Right away some readers will suggest sending more MSP inmates to Shelby. This is not an overcrowding issue—if it were we probably would make use of the bed spaces that currently are open. Instead, it is a staffing and safety

issue. Whether we have 100 inmates in an area or only one, we still need to staff those posts associated with that area.

A post is a location in the prison that has specified duties attached to it. To leave a post unmanned is to leave inmates unsupervised. To constantly man a post with employees who have already put in a full day's work is to invite the other kind of emergency.

We are doing a good job at MSP, but we could improve public safety as well as staff performance, morale, and safety by having enough officers to do the job.

Funding

How would we pay for 59 new employees that the legislature did not fund? We asked the governor to create these positions as "modified FTE," meaning that we would find the estimated \$4.6 million biennial expense internally. The 1999 Legislature actually gave us the recipe to implement this plan.

Yes, you've heard me say before that our budget is tight. It is.

Yet there are ways to accommodate this need. For example, we will offset some of the expense by saving on overtime; we'll shave expenses from other operations—ones we want to perform, but priorities must take precedence—and we can take advantage of other vacancy savings. Also, the legislature left \$1 million with the governor's Budget Office for public safety contingencies. We *can* make this proposal work.

Final thought

If in presenting the proposal, we have stirred up a hornet's nest, so be it. If emergency was too strong a word—at least in the daily sense of it—that can't be helped. To have politely avoided this issue, however, would have made us remiss in doing our duty. Yes, it would have been easier to let the next administration deal with the fall-out of not correcting this need, but we take our duty seriously at Corrections. We *will* strive to protect public safety, the safety of our employees, and to complete the job given us by the courts on behalf of victims.



Director Rick Day recently participated in an edition of the KUSM PBS show Montana Profiles. The show aired in September.

Left to Right are host Gene Brodeur, Sara Lipscomb of the Montana Council for Families, Representative Steve Vick, and Director Day.

Cook/Chill Food Production Center Update

By Joe Mihelic, Asst. Food Service Director

September 1999 marks a full year of operation for Montana State Prison's Cook Chill Production Center.

The cook/chill facility is designed to produce 10,000 meals a day, five days a week using a single eight-hour shift per day. With this, Cook/Chill can feed over 2,300 people 3 meals a day, 7 days a week.

Currently, Cook/Chill feeds Montana State Prison, Treasure State Correctional Training Center and Riverside Youth Correctional Center. In February of 2000, Montana State Hospital in Warm Springs will also be fed by Cook/Chill.

The Cook/Chill process is the technology of cooking food to pasteurization temperature long before the day it will be served, rapidly chilling it and then placing it into refrigerated inventory until time of use. It is a technology of efficiency that allows streamlining and economizing without sacrificing quality.

The primary difference between a conventional food preparation system and an advanced prepared food system is that food is processed for inventory, instead of immediate service. The fully operational facility at MSP uses tumble chillers to cool foods to storage temperature in plastic casings. Some of these casings of food can be stored up to six months, depending on the acidity, sugar and salt content.

Blast chillers are used to quickly chill foods that are not stored in casings, like pieces of meat or baked potatoes. The shelf life of blast chilled products is much shorter, but still prepared in advance of the day of service.

The Cook/Chill production system offers the operator an abundance of benefits:

§ no serving deadlines to meet or interfere with production equipment and personnel are dedicated solely to food processing and can be scheduled for peak efficiency.

§ Production staff cooks meals for the entire week (7 days) in a standard 5 day, 40 hour week.

§ Food quality if improved and overproduction is reduced through precise ingredient control and scheduling that allows sufficient time to prepare food properly.

§ Employees work normal hours, reducing turnover and overtime pay.

§ Nutrient retention is increased because of limited exposure to heat, air and moisture.

Foods prepared in advance are ideal for serving to satellite auxiliary sites. Because of efficiencies in batch preparation, volume can be increased without subsequent increases in labor requirements.

What do staff and inmates say about cook/chill? A Meals are getting better each day and improvements have been made with items such as pasta. Cook/Chill has been an enormous undertaking and we are learning."

Open letter to the public:

Re: The Governor's
Conference on Race



The Partnership for Building Montana's Race Relations, a group of Montanans from private industry, government agencies, Tribes, and non-profit organizations, are hosting the Governor's Conference on Race on May 12 & 13, 2000. We have come together to promote understanding and ultimate respect between Indians and non-Indians in Montana for the benefit of present and future generations. A prospectus is enclosed for your review.

We are pleased to announce that Carroll College in Helena has agreed to be our host site.

We are inviting your participation in this conference. We are looking for co-sponsors, partners, presenters, and participants. If you have interest in helping to fund or bring this conference together and working with us this year, please contact either Wyman McDonald at 444-3702 or Denise Juneau at 444-3013. We meet monthly and would welcome your participation.

Sincerely,

Wyman McDonald, co chair
Denise Juneau, co chair

Riverside Youth Correctional Facility Chapel

By Jim Bauch, Riverside Superintendent

The staff and girls at Riverside were deeply saddened by the passing away of Elsie Cook on July 26, 1999. Elsie had worked closely with her husband John, Riverside spiritual coordinator, to provide volunteer spiritual guidance and activities for the girls. The loss of Elsie will be felt very deeply because she was not only a spiritual mentor to the girls, she was a very positive role model by engaging the girls in crafts and cooking activities in conjunction with the spiritual groups she and the other volunteers conducted each week.

Elsie suffered a terminal illness before her death and she and her family made the gracious decision to establish a "Riverside Chapel Fund" at the Boulder Valley Bank in Boulder. The family requested donations be made to the fund in lieu of flowers or other memorials so that

the spiritual work of the volunteers could continue in a chapel setting that is well furnished. Future donations will be used to purchase supplies and materials needed for the program.

An area in the Programs Building at Riverside is now being refurbished and painted by John Cook, Val Wilson, the girls and the staff. The Chapel Fund will also be used to install the needed carpet, and purchase video and audio equipment. John, Val, the girls and Sharon Lund, correctional counselor, are working to design murals which will be painted on the walls over the next month by volunteers, staff and the girls.

Riverside is contributing to the effort by upgrading the kitchen and dining areas so they can be used by the volunteers and staff to provide life skills training such as crafts, food preparation, etc. Alcoholics Anony-

mous and other group activities will also be conducted in Chapel area of the building.

The Riverside staff and girls will deeply miss Elsie. Those who remain are dedicated to continuing her work through the development of the chapel and ongoing spiritual programs. Special thanks and recognition goes to John Cook and Val Wilson for their tireless efforts renovating the chapel area and promoting the growth of the spiritual program.

When the work is completed, there will be a ceremony to dedicate the Chapel in memory of Elsie Cook. Persons interested in the progress of the chapel or to making a donation to the Chapel Fund may contact John Cook by calling 225-4500 and leaving a message.

Visitors Attend Fun Day at Riverside

By Jim Bauch, Riverside Superintendent

On August 12, 1999 the Riverside staff, offenders, and guests celebrated the inaugural Fun Day by participating in a potluck and barbecue lunch and other activities on the campus in Boulder. Members of the Riverside Advisory Committee attending were Dave Kirsch, Marko Lucich, Val Wilson, John Cook and Jan Zeittlow. Other guests included Mike Ferriter, administrator of Community Corrections, and Dan Foley, Butte deputy probation officer.

The day began with the lunch at noon and the visitors were able to get acquainted with the girls and staff while eating hot dogs, hamburgers, and a variety of delicious pot luck salads, desserts and main dishes brought by the staff and guests.

After the lunch everyone moved to the recreation field for a game of softball that kept everyone including the spectators entertained. A heavy rainstorm then moved everyone to the Multi Purpose Center where they were able to play volleyball. Everyone enjoyed the lighthearted competition between teams consisting of girls, staff and guests.

While the volleyball games were in progress Nora Johnson, unit supervisor, and several girls were busy churning ice cream makers and everyone was then treated to the homemade ice cream and fresh toppings.

Many of the girls were taught how to operate the facility's video and still cameras so the Fun Day activities were well chronicled. The

girls were also actively involved in helping prepare and serve the lunch. Prior to Fun Day the girls decorated the paper tablecloths used with a variety of artwork and the talent of the girls was displayed on the tables for everyone to see.

Activities such as Fun Day are an integral part of the treatment program at Riverside and will be regularly scheduled throughout the year. The staff works very hard to provide the girls with recreational and social events that give them experiences with activities they can use later in life. The next major event scheduled is the annual Christmas social that will include typical Christmas activities and a pot luck dinner for guests, staff and the girls.

Montana Correctional Association Announces Employee of the Year

By Linda J. Moodry,
Public Information Officer, MSP

Montana State Prison is pleased to announce Lorelei Hughley as recipient of the award "Employee of the Year" in the Administrative Support category. Lorelei received this award at the 1999 Montana Correctional Association Conference. Lorelei was nominated for this award by her supervisor Candyce Neubauer.

Candyce has shared her nomination letter with us. We are very proud of you Lorelei. Congratulations!

Lorelei has worked at Montana State Prison for the past 15 years. She has worked directly for Candyce for the past three years as the Classification Review Officer. This position was created

to oversee the quality assurance portion of the classification program at Montana State Prison.

Imagine being the person reviewing every inmate classification and job assignment report submitted, at MSP this is more than 7000 reports a year, noting the deficiencies (poor grammar, misspelled words, etc.) and then returning the material for corrections. Lorelei has handled these duties and responsibilities with much grace and diplomacy.

Lorelei also provides a safety net for the Inmate Management System which reduces the liability to the Department of Corrections when outside agencies or inmates challenge us through the courts.

Quality assurance in any program is so essential to the

overall mission and goals within the Department of Corrections and ultimately is sound correctional practice. Lorelei runs a topnotch program and has enhanced the quality and credibility of the classification program at Montana State Prison.

Printing Directories

By Mike Cronin

Keeping organized is nearly a full-time job in itself. If you have MicroSoft Explorer, you may have noticed that it is impossible to print out your file directories as a way of cross-referencing your electronic documents.

But Outlook makes that easy.

1. Open Outlook.
2. Find the Outlook Bar and click on Other Shortcuts at the bottom of the Outlook Bar.
3. Click on My Computer.
4. Move to the directory that you want to print.
5. Click on File menu and select Print.
6. Now select Page Setup to choose how you want the printing to look.
7. Choose Table Style, then Choose Header/Footer to give the print out a name.
8. Print by selecting OK.

Be patient; Outlook is a little slow opening the directories, but it will get there. As you update the directory you can reprint it and Outlook will remember your page setup.

Brian Clark of End User System Support is the recognized expert at 444-0751.

Source: *ISD News & Views*, 2/99.

Law Enforcement Youth Camp

By Tom Pinsonneault, Missoula P&P Officer

I attended the Law Enforcement Youth Camp during the week of July 26-July 31. The camp has been in existence for 31 years, but unfortunately, the Missoula City Police department pulled its funding for this year. The Missoula County Sheriffs Office stepped up to the plate, and although the amount of youth going to the camp was cut in half, they put on an excellent show.

The youth spent the week swimming, fishing for pike and perch (the largest fish caught was 5.5 lbs.), hiking to Murrell Falls, putting on a peanut carnival and participating in a land and water olympics. Parents, siblings and friends attended a Friday night awards banquet complete with

skits from each of the nine cabins. It was truly time well spent.

In addition, I was selected to be a grant reviewer for the Federal Youth Services Bureau, reviewing grants for transitional programs for homeless youth. The review took place in Washington D.C. from July 19-23.

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Probation & Parole Bureau Loses More Than 100 Years of Experience

By Mary Fay,
P&P Bureau Chief

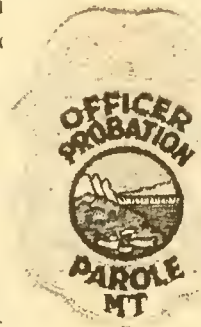
The Probation & Parole Bureau wishes farewell to several officers.

With so many experienced officers retiring this year, it has been a difficult year for the Bureau.

The Bureau would like to recognize these officers for their years of committed service to offenders, their communities and the criminal justice system.

In April, Barbara Nihill retired as the pre-sentence investigation writer for Region IV in Billings. Barb worked for the Bureau for 10 years and provided the district court judges and the rest of the corrections system with professionally written and investigated reports on offenders awaiting sentencing.

The PSI is the cornerstone of the system; it's importance can not be understated. Barb provided the system with an expert ability to understand the offender and the system. Barb went on to work at Alternatives, Inc. in Billings. Before she left, she provided us with a report on internships. This report will be used within the bureau. Thanks, Barb.



The community of Butte lost a veteran officer when Jim Wright retired this Spring. Jim was the Bureau's philosopher who shied away from any special attention. His sense of humor was much appreciated in this business of

corrections. Jim understood and cared about the offender and saw the big picture when it came to the system. He was well respected by his co-workers. Thank you, Jim, for your years of service.

Mike McCarty, a veteran probation & parole officer, and intensive supervision officer retired June 1, 1999. Mike served the Bureau for 27 years in the Missoula office. Every facet of the criminal justice system in Missoula and state knew Mike and valued him for his commitment to assisting offenders and being an active part in his community as a correctional leader. In past legislative sessions, Mike provided legislators with true stories about the every day life of a probation & parole officer. The Department of Corrections wishes you the best in your years of retirement.

In August, Rick Holzheimer retired leaving large shoes to fill in the Great Falls Regional Office.

Rick was a probation & parole officer for 26 years. In the past four years, Rick worked as the POII, which included being the liaison and hearing officer for the Great Falls Transition Center. His knowledge and dedication was appreciated and will also be missed. Rick will go off to the "happy hunting grounds" of fishing in Alaska and enjoy his cabin in the mountains. His retirement comes just in time to take advantage of hunting everyday of the hunting season this fall. Best wishes to you and Linda.

Even though John Riley did not retire totally, he did leave the Bureau after working 26 years in Butte. He took a position with the Board of Pardons & Parole in Deer Lodge. As a probation & parole officer, John worked closely with the Butte Pre-Release Center. His experience as a probation & parole officer will serve the BOP&P very well. Good luck, John, in your new endeavor.

With these retirements, the Bureau lost more than a 100 years of experience this year. We wish them all good health and continued success.

P & P Region VI Almost Fully Staffed

By Loreen Barnaby, Regional
Administrator, Region VI

Region VI is finally fully staffed with the exception of the IPPO position to be placed at Pine Hills Youth Correctional Facility. Interviews will be conducted in the near future for this position.

Our region would like to extend

congratulations to Mary Doll, administrative support in the Glendive Office for her receipt of the 1999 Governor's Award for Excellence in Performance. Mary is an example of excellence in the work place. Her dedication and proficiency are an asset to our region. Congratulations, Mary!

John Uden from the Miles City

Office will conduct First Responder Hostage Negotiation training for the Rosebud County Law Enforcement Agency on October 7, 1999. John received his certification as an instructor on 10/23/97. Thanks for your dedication in working with local law enforcement to share your knowledge and expertise John. Your efforts are appreciated.

Employee Happenings

DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS

New Employees

Ron Chen	Paralegal	10/18/99
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MONTANA WOMENS PRISON

New Employees

George Beltz	Correctional Officer	9/27/99
Karen Plessas	Correctional Officer	10/4/99

PINE HILLS YOUTH CORRECTIONAL FACILITY

New Employees

Richard Magera	Principal	9/13/99
Peggy Lynne Richter	Admin Support	9/13/99
Thomas Kurkowski	Correctional Supervisor	9/13/99
Shirley Sweetser	Cook	9/13/99

Transfers and Promotions

Matthew Phillips	Prog Spec/Restitution Officer	9/13/99
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WEDDING BELLS

Doug and Jesica Overman were married on September 18 aboard the Far West on Flathead Lake. A reception was held at the residence of Paul Berg. Doug is a P&P Officer in Kalispell.

DOC Populations

*ADP

MSP	1,223
MSP Co Jail Hold, Regional Jails & Out-of-State	745
Treasure State Correctional Training Center (male)	29
Treasure State Correctional Training Center (female)	4
Montana Women's Prison	72
MWP County Jail Hold & New Mexico	67
Pre-release Program (male)	388.53
Pre-release Program (female)	86.74
Riverside Youth Correctional Facility (Aug 99)	14.48
Pine Hills Youth Correctional Facility	81
Aspen (Aug 99)	44
Evaluation/Transition Programs	17

*MC

Intensive Supervision (9/30/99)	173
Probation and Parole (9/30/99)	5,899

*ADP the above information reflects the *ADP (Average Daily Population for September 1999. The Department calculates the Average Daily Population based on total care days divided by the number of days in the period.

*MC(Monthly Caseload for September 1999.

Picture This



Sally Johnson, administrator of the Professional Services Division of the Department represented us at the August 28 Open House of the Crossroads Correctional Center in Shelby. To her right is County Commissioner Alan Underdahl. About 2400 people attended during the day.

MCS Opens New Building

Missoula Correctional Services has completed its new 40,000 square foot building. Ribbon cutting was held September 20.

The new facility has 80 beds for the male prerelease program and 20 beds for a new female prerelease program.

MCS also offers the Community Service Program, the Misdemeanor Supervision Program, and the Pretrial Supervision Program.

The new facility is located next to the soon to be opened Missoula County Regional Prison on Mullan Road.

Pine Hills Youth Correctional Facility

The Great Flood of 99 Soaks Admin Building

**By Jodi Boyles-Briggs,
Administrative Support**

On Tuesday evening the 21st of September 1999 around 6 p.m., a 10 inch water main running under an access tunnel for Pine Hill's Maintenance building ruptured. The leak developed into a tremendous amount of water pressure that forced up the concrete floor in the small access tunnel above it.

The water then took the avenue of least resistance by going down the small access tunnel into Pine Hill's main utility tunnel, which services the entire campus. The utility tunnel contained the condensation steam/heat pumps, and the lines for fire alarms, hot & cold water, and telephones. The tunnels are connecting to all buildings of the campus. Water proceeded to fill the large utility tunnel and building access tunnels. When water reached about 38 inches inside the main tunnel it burst through an access door in the administration building basement.

Almost total losses

The basement contained all the inactive client files, personnel records, logs, and other paperwork required to be kept by law. The Recreational Department office and a computerized telephone switch room for the entire campus were housed there. Rooms for the storage of State clothing, client personal items, Christmas decorations, and recreational storage were flooded. These rooms suffered almost total losses, with cabinets, files, and equipment floating all around the rooms.

This disaster could have damaged other building basements, except for the fast acting reaction of the line staff and Jeff Holland,

campus shift supervisor. Jeff assumed the role of the initial commander of the campus, as he was trained to do. He initiated the first steps identified in the emergency response checklist. He called the city water department crews after one of the lodges reported a lack of water pressure, and no maintenance staff was available to check it.

When the water burst through the basement of the Administration Building, the city water crew was already on its way. Randy Parker, recreation supervisor, working in the basement when water started coming in, made a valiant effort with available staff to save client personal items, but within a matter of seconds had to abandon the task when the water started to reach the electrical power of the basement.

Quick response

Jeff Holland, using campus emergency diagrams, was able to help the city water crew immediately shut off the campus water, and was able to assist the Montana Dakota Utilities' response in getting the power turned off to the administration building, tunnels, and 1/2 of the campus.

Karen Duncan, acting superintendent, assumed the role of ultimate commander and took over the command center within Pine Hills. She used a cell phone to coordinate calling for a rented portable emergency water pump, some essential staff, and other notification requirements.

Frank Hartman (a private rental contractor) brought out a portable pump, which was used to help lower the tunnel water level,

before the academic school, cottages', and boiler house basements were totally effected. Mike Smith, campus disaster coordinator, brought out the construction contractors and with their help isolated the water leak to the break point in front of the maintenance building.

John Smith, maintenance supervisor, was able to bring back on all water to the living units, which were inconvenienced. John and Mike, with the assistance of the shift supervisors, moved the large campus portable irrigation pump to quickly lower the water in the administration basement before it could affect the attached main kitchen basement and other underground utilities for the nearby buildings.

Currently the administration building basement and service tunnels are undergoing an extensive and specialized restorative clean up project. The telephone switch room required several days and man-hours to regain basic service. The tunnel problems delayed the heat to the north living units and administration building, but overall no activity or programming was affected.

Thanks to the quick response by all staff involved, a larger disaster was avoided saving the State, department, agency and taxpayer a great deal of excessive cost. The inconvenience of finding alternative placements for entire buildings and clients was thus avoided. This was a good example of emergency preparedness at its best, along with demonstrating the dedication and competence of Pine Hills during a potential crisis.

Montana Correctional Enterprises Revamps

**By Ross Swanson,
Administrator, MCE**

In a coordinated effort with the MT State Prison administration, MT Correctional Enterprises (MCE) has reviewed the recent escapes of inmates assigned to MCE programs. The review also dealt with such issues as contraband problems, use of resources, financial status of self-supporting operations, age of equipment, the risk factor associated with operations, etc. The goal of all MCE operations is to provide cost effective work and skill opportunities for offenders, while maintaining public safety.

Based on the review, MCE will be reorganizing the following aspects of the operation:

1 The horticulture operation will be closed immediately. Monies used in this operation will be converted to additional training opportunities for offenders inside the prison compound. Closure of this program is based on a need to have better use of funding resources and the need to benefit a greater number of offenders. One civilian supervisor position and up to three offender work assignments will be lost in the closure.

2 The logging/firewood operation will be closed in a step down process. Closure of this program is based on continual security issues (contraband and escape problems), high-risk nature of the operation, age and condition of equipment, financial condition, and impact on public safety because of the nature and location of the operations. Two civilian supervisor positions and approximately 25 offender work assignments will be lost in the closure.

3 The range cattle and crops operation will involve some shifting

of personnel to better meet the needs of the ranch and personnel. No civilian or offender jobs will be lost as a result of this reorganization.

MCE operations continues to work with Department of Public Health and Human Services and the MT Food Bank to develop a canning facility at MSP. Potential employment at this facility is projected at two civilian positions and up to 15 offender work assignments.

Both MT State Prison and MT Correctional Enterprises will continually work with the displaced civilian employees on retraining and reemployment opportunities.

The MCE and MSP administrations are exploring the feasibility of other vocational education and/or job-training programs that can better serve the public and the needs of the inmate population.

MCE, located at MT State Prison, is a division of the Department of Corrections. MCE supports the Department's mission by providing institutional offenders with employment and training opportunities through work and skill development. MCE includes the ranch, industries, license plate factory and vocational training/education programs. All of the MCE programs are located at MT State Prison, in addition to two industry programs located at MT Women's Prison and Great Falls Regional Prison.

The ranch and industries programs are self-supporting (proprietary) enterprises. The license plate factory is supported by the general fund. The vocational training/education is supported by both the general fund and self-supporting (proprietary) funds. MCE provides approximately 275 offender job opportunities.

Escapee Captured

**By Linda Moodry,
Public Information Officer, MSP**

Montana State Prison Warden Mike Mahoney attributes the success in capturing Inmate Steven Stallcup to the diligent efforts of MSP staff, local law enforcement agencies and the Montana Highway Patrol. The combined cooperation and a quick response facilitated the return of Stallcup to prison.

Inmate Steven Stallcup escaped from Montana State Prison on August 17, 1999. He was working on prison property in the Logging Shop and was reported missing at approximately 3:30 p.m. He left the prison in a MSP Ford pickup truck. He was apprehended at 5:45 p.m. by members of the search team.

Special thanks go to Shift Commander Mike Meagher, MCE Division Administrator Ross Swanson, Inter Perimeter Security Team, Security Major Tom Wood, Investigator Mike Micu and Correctional Officers Adrian Guidoni and Kevin Dennis. Officer Guidoni was recreating in the Fairmont area and recognized the prison vehicle. He then contacted the prison command post. Officer Dennis lives in the area and assisted with the search.

The quick assistance we received from the Associated Press also played a major role in assisting with the escape notification. AP was given information and the details were provided to local TV and radio stations immediately.

A special thanks to all those we mentioned and all those who assisted behind the scene.

Mystery Girl



If you can identify cheerleader Number 2, you have permission to tease her without mercy. Here is a hint, she is at phone number 444-3918.



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